

NAVIGATION—MISSISSIPPI AND MISSOURI RIVERS.

LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

In reply to a resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th instant, requiring information relative to the improvement of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

JUNE 13, 1834.

Read, and laid upon the table.

WAR DEPARTMENT, June 11, 1834.

SIR : In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th instant, I have the honor to enclose a report of the Engineer in Chief, which contains all the information now in the possession of this department, relative to the improvement of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

Very respectfully,

Your most obedient servant,

LEW. CASS.

HON. JOHN BELL,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

ENGINEER DEPARTMENT,

Washington, June 9, 1834.

SIR : In answer to the resolution of the House of Representatives of the 7th instant, I have the honor to state that no work has as yet been done in the Missouri for the improvement of its navigation, and consequently no expenditures made on account of that river. The work for the improvement of the Mississippi, during the year 1832, extended over the entire distance from bayou Plaquemines to the Missouri. The disbursements on account of that portion of this river, referred to in the resolution, are merged in a general account for the whole line of operations. It will be impossible, therefore, to comply with the requirements of the resolution, without returning all the accounts to the agent, who alone can designate,

with even an approximation to truth, the various sections to which the several expenditures were applied; and as this would be attended with much delay, and as there is no certainty that the information would be obtained even by this course, I have deemed it proper to submit the facts for your orders in the case.

With great respect,

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your obedient servant.

C. GRATIOT,

Chief Engineer.

Hon. LEWIS CASS,
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